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REPLY COMMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS

In this proceeding, the Commission has sought comment on the extent to which it should make the spectrum allocated in the 746-764 and 776-794 MHz bands available for a wide variety of existing and new services.³ In particular, the Commission sought comment on the “the extent to which, consistent with statute, the spectrum here can and should be available for private mobile and private fixed radio services.”⁴

⁴ Id at ¶ 15.

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In response to that request several commenters have referred to the Petition for Rule Making filed by the Land Mobile Communications Council ("LMCC") which underscores the need for additional spectrum for private land mobile use.⁵ As a member of the LMCC, AAR can attest to the need for additional spectrum for a wide variety of private wireless applications. Accordingly, AAR urges the Commission to adopt rules in this proceeding that will permit flexible spectrum use and allow these bands to be available for private mobile and private fixed services.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁵ Comments of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, WT Docket 99-168, (filed July 19, 1999) at 5 ("APCO Comments"); Comments of the Industrial Telecommunications Association, WT Docket 99-168, (filed July 19, 1999) at 3 ("ITA Comments"); Comments of Motorola, WT Docket 99-168, (filed July 19, 1999) at 4 ("Motorola Comments"); Comments of MRFAC, Inc., WT Docket 99-168, (filed July 19, 1999) at 2 ("MRFAC Comments").

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